

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> and clicking on "News & Events."

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Library Offers Free Health Seminars

The Library will offer free health seminars in December focusing on the Medicare Drug Discount Card Program.

Many older Americans find the program complicated and confusing. Sifting through the dozens of cards available in some markets can be a challenge, especially if a beneficiary is taking multiple medications or isn't skilled with the Internet.

"The San Diego Public Library is committed to providing valuable information to the public and we will be able to offer even better service through this new program," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "This will be a health resource for all San Diegans."

The seminars will be led by a Walgreens pharmacist who will provide information to help people better understand the program and answer questions. The seminar is part of the "Be Well Informed @ your library" campaign, sponsored by the American Library Association and Walgreens. The City of San Diego Public Library was one of 10 library systems in the nation selected to participate. Be Well Informed @ your library will address a variety of national health topics. While the program will provide information for all age groups, there will be an emphasis on older Americans who



tend to have the most questions, yet limited access to the Internet.

As a participant in the campaign, the San Diego Public Library will receive a \$25,000 grant from the American Library Association and Walgreens. The funding will also be used to purchase current medical informational materials for

the Library. More seminars will be scheduled on other health topics throughout 2005 and hosted at libraries.

The seminars will take place at the following libraries:

- **Dec. 7**, 1 to 3 p.m., Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539.
- **Dec. 9**, 1 to 3 p.m., Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8159.

More free health seminars on other topics will be held at libraries in 2005. For information, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Children will have the opportunity to create their own "Flip It" books on Monday, Dec. 6 at the Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch Library.

San Diego Book Arts to Help Kids Make Their Own "Flip It" Books

San Diego Book Arts will be at the Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch Library on Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to help visitors construct their own accordion-style books about verbs, entitled "Flip It." Also, several classes from nearby schools will visit the library for the exhibit and learn how to make their own books.

The program is funded by a grant from the San Diego Foundation and is supported in part by the City's Commission for Arts and Culture. An exhibition of handmade books created by child artists will be on display also at the branch, which is located at 5148 Market St. For more information, call 619-527-3405. Each year, San Diego Book Arts sponsors a project in which the organization's members work with young people to make artists' books.



The Swizzle puppets will perform a holiday program at the Point Loma-Hervey and Oak Park branch libraries in December.

Special Holiday Puppet Show at Two Libraries

The Swizzle puppet company will present “Polly Polar Bear and the Prince of the Sea” at two branch libraries in December. In the entertaining show, the Prince of the Sea teaches Polly Polar Bear and her greedy Reindeer friend that it is better to appreciate what you have instead of always wanting more. The program will be held Dec. 2 at the Point Loma-Hervey Branch, located at 3701 Voltaire St. Call 619-531-1539 for details. It will also be performed Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Oak Park Branch, located at 2802 54th St. Call 619-527-3406 for more information.

Documentaries, Photographs Describe Border Life

Award-winning journalist Laura Castañeda will present a 30-minute program of untold stories from our border region. “Stories de la Frontera” features the work of a team of talented journalists and photographers. Sharing the bill is “Escondido Stories,” a Tu Voz TV! documentary comprised of four hard-hitting reports about the Latino community in North County, shot and edited by local migrant youth. The program will be held Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. Call 619-236-5800 for details.

Peninsula Singers to Perform at Point Loma Library

The Peninsula Singers will perform Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The chorus is directed by Sarah Andrews with piano accompaniment is provided by Stewart Simon. A reception with refreshments will be held after the concert. For more information, call 619-531-1539.

Variety of Holiday Music to be Performed

Craig Newton will play an array of instruments and perform music for Christmas, Hanukkah, winter solstice, Kwanzaa and New Year’s Eve. The concert will take place Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at the San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

Coming Attractions



Each month the Library presents a variety of films, many of which are independent or foreign films that are not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies.

Dec. 5: “**Mayor of Sunset Strip**” (2003) – Documentary about L.A. music scenester Rodney Bingenheimer. Central Library, 2 p.m.

Dec. 6: “**Jump Tomorrow**” (2000) – A love story built on honest, clever, quiet jubilation. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 6: “**The Berenstain Bears’ Christmas Tree**” (1979) – Animated film based on book by Stan and Jan Berenstain. San Carlos, 7 p.m.

Dec. 11: “**Blue’s Clues: Blue’s Big Holiday and Snowy Day**” (1996) – An animated double feature. San Carlos, 10 a.m.

Dec. 13: “**Balto**” (1995) – Animated film based on true story of the famous sled dog. Tierrasanta, 6:15 p.m.

Dec. 13: “**Facing Windows**” (2003) – A sumptuous bourgeois romantic drama. In Italian with English subtitles. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13: “**Disney’s 101 Dalmatians Christmas**” (1998) – Holiday cartoon featuring a whole lot of spotted dogs. San Carlos, 7 p.m.

Dec. 17: “**Road to Bali**” (1952) – One of the series of comedy road pictures starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Mission Valley, 7 p.m.

Dec. 18: “**Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas**” (2000) – Live-action adaptation based on the classic Dr. Seuss holiday book. San Carlos, 10 a.m.

Dec. 19: “**L’Auberge Espagnole**” (2003) – Straight laced student moves into an apartment with six others. In English, French and Spanish with subtitles. Central Library, 2 p.m.

Dec. 20: “**Snow Dogs**” (2002) – World’s greatest sled dog team gets new owner: a Miami dentist. Tierrasanta, 6:10 p.m.

Dec. 20: “**Waking Life**” (2001) – In this animated drama, a man walks through what may be a dream. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: “**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**” (1966) – Animated version of Dr. Seuss’ tale. San Carlos, 10 a.m.

Dec. 27: “**The Saddest Music in the World**” (2003) – Two brothers try to determine the saddest piece of music in the world, as part of an international competition. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 27: “**Raymond Biggs’ The Snowman**” (1982) – Animated short based on the classic children’s book by Raymond Briggs. San Carlos, 7 p.m.

Dec. 30: “**Happy New Year, Charlie Brown**” (1985) – The Peanuts gang celebrate the New Year. San Carlos, 10 a.m.

Local Author Jack Scheffler Innis to Speak About New Book, "San Diego Legends"

Local award-winning journalist Jack Scheffler Innis, author of "San Diego Legends: The Events, People, and Places That Made History," will speak at the Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library on Wednesday, Dec. 1 and at the Central Library on Saturday, Dec. 4. Both events are free to the public.

Innis, the former editor of the *San Diego Log*, has spent years researching and writing about the history of San Diego, a city that turned 235 years old in July 2004. *San Diego Legends* is an off-the-wall look at the city's history, examining in often humorous detail the quirky characters and bizarre incidents that have shaped America's Finest City.

Innis has crafted a book described as "a can't-put-it-down-epic" (Peter Rowe – *San Diego Union Tribune*) featuring an array of fascinating characters stretching from the Wild West to the present. From Wyatt Earp to the Heaven's Gate cult, Innis' book provides a penetrating glimpse behind the veneer of Southern California's popular surf and turf image.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Information about the events is as follows:

- **Dec. 1:** Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., at 6:30 p.m. Call (619) 531-1539 for information.
- **Dec. 4:** Central Library, 820 E St., at 2 p.m. Call (619) 236-5800 for information.

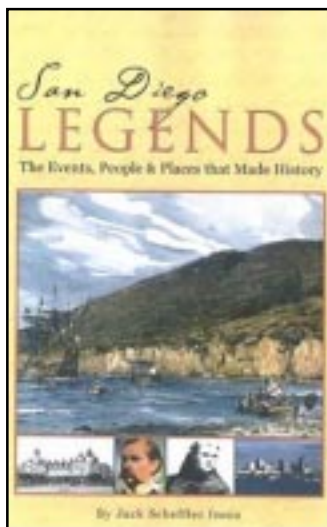
For more information about these and other great upcoming events, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Mesa College Guitar Ensemble to Perform at Clairemont Branch

The Mesa College Guitar Ensemble will perform its annual Winter Concert at the Clairemont Branch Library on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

A diverse blend of classical pieces will be offered including music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, as well as flamenco and works by Leonard Bernstein.

The musicians are neighborhood favorites, so don't forget to come early for the best seats for this free event. The Clairemont Branch Library is located at 2920 Burgener Blvd. For more information, call (858) 581-9935.



Free Workshop to Help Make Your Invention a Reality

The Library will host a free workshop to help you take your idea and make it a reality. Matt Yubas, author of "Product Idea to Product Success," will take you through the steps. This talk will include: how to avoid mistakes others have made and increase success; how to determine marketability; and how to plan your market strategy. There will be time after the presentation for questions. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the second floor meeting room at the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Seating is limited.

To register, or for more information, please contact Business Resources & Technology Link at the Social Sciences section of the San Diego Public Library at (619) 238-6630, email businesslink@sandiego.gov, or visit <http://sandiego.gov/public-library/services/businessstech.shtml>.

"Tea with Poetry" Program to Feature Local Poets Reading from Works

The Library and the Benjamin Book Club will present "Tea with Poetry" on Dec. 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Allied Gardens-Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Ave. The event will feature Katie Davis-Steward reading poems from her book "The Beginning of Tumbling" and Linda Brown reading poems from her book "Journey with Beast: Poems 1970-2004." English afternoon tea, finger sandwiches, cookies and other gourmet refreshments will be served. For more information, call 619-533-3970.



Local poets Katie Davis-Steward, left, and Linda Brown will read their poems at the Benjamin Branch Library on Dec. 4.

New Play to be Performed at La Jolla Library

"The Upside Down Frown," a new children's play by Tera Gardner, will be performed Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave. This free family event is sponsored by the Library and the Friends of the La Jolla Branch Library. Call 858-552-1657.

"Stories of Faith" Project Continues with Variety of Great Events

"Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego," the major, five-month program by the Library, continues with important events that explore the role of religion as a pivotal filter through which San Diegans can better understand their history and changes to their communities.

With more than 40 events, "Stories of Faith" will enable San Diegans to learn more about each other's beliefs and values through a variety of activities that will create bridges of understanding between neighborhoods and the larger San Diego community. All the events are free and open to the public. Events in December include:

Through Dec. 10

Art Exhibit: **"The Spirit Within"** – The Library and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California presents "The Spirit Within," an exhibition of 26 powerful black and white photographic images by Jerry Berndt. Berndt grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. His photographs appear in major magazines in Europe and the United States. He has received three Massachusetts Artists' Foundation Fellowships, a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Arts Fellowship for his book, *Missing Persons*, and three Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Grants to complete photographic projects. He has taught photography at the Art Institute of Boston and the University of Massachusetts. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, (858) 573-5007.

Through Dec. 30

Art Exhibit: **"Las Abuelas"** – An exhibit of images by photographer Peter Holderness is the photographic component to the oral history activity entitled "Las Abuelas: Latina Grandmothers Explain the World & Other Stories of Faith." This is a joint project between University of San Diego's TransBorder Institute and San Diego State University's Women's Studies Department. Latina immigrant women share stories about diverse aspects of Latin American religious culture. In the Second Floor Gallery at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, (619) 236-5800.

Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Meet Your Muslim Neighbor – Community gatherings explain the basic beliefs of Islam, the five pillars, the role of women, the rules of warfare, and misconceptions about the religion. These forums help "put a human face" on Islam. The events will take place at three libraries as follows:

- Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.: City Heights-Weingart Branch Library's

Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave., (619) 641-6123.

- Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.: Valencia Park-Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., (619) 527-3405.
- Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.: Central Library auditorium, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

Sunday, Dec. 12 through Sunday, Jan. 30

Stories of Faith: Altar Project – An exhibit that features 10 contemporary San Diego area artists created altars to their spiritual beliefs. At the Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St., (858) 581-9934.

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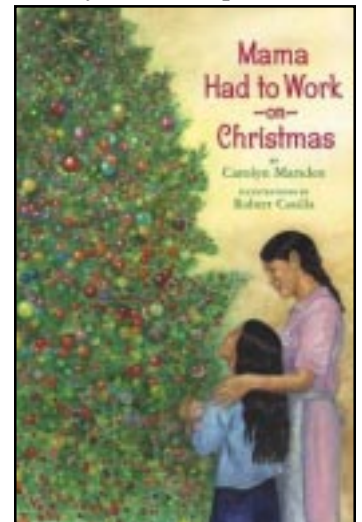
Each month several City libraries hold public book sales, where you can find outstanding bargains on best sellers, classic stories and other books. Proceeds benefit the individual libraries and help pay for new materials and programs. For information, visit the Library on the Web at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Local Author to Present Holiday Puppet Show Based on Her Children's Book

A holiday puppet show, based on the children's book, "Mama Had to Work on Christmas" by Carolyn Marsden, a popular La Jolla author, will be held Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave.

After the puppet show, Ms. Marsden will show participants how to make Otomi Indian paper figures, how to create holiday cards, and how to cut festive Mexican papel picado banners from tissue paper.

Mexican hot chocolate and cookies will be served. This event is free and generously sponsored by both the Library and the Friends of the La Jolla Branch Library.



Even More Great Events and Programs!

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